

3. Development of Commercial Floriculture.
4. Integrated Development of Mushroom.
5. Integrated Development of Spices.
6. Integrated Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
7. Integrated Development of Cashew and Cocoa.
8. Development of Horticulture through Plasticulture Intervention.
9. Development of Bee-keeping for Improving Crop Productivity.

Wildlife parks in Tamil Nadu

*96. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of national wildlife parks in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government are aware of ample scope for development of small sanctuaries into wildlife parks in that State;
- (c) if so, whether any step has been taken in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of national parks in Tamil Nadu are as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of the National Parks	Area in Sq. Km.
1.	Indira Gandhi	117.10
2.	Mudumalai	103.23
3.	Mukurthi	78.48
4.	Guindy	2.82
5.	Gulf of Mannar	6.23

(b) to (d) Report entitled "Planning a Protected Area Network in India" brought out by Wildlife Institute of India and adopted by Indian Board for

Wild life in June, 1988 had suggested upgradation of six sanctuaries listed below as national parks in Tamil Nadu.

S.No.	Name of the Protected Area
1.	Annamalai WLS
2.	Mudumalai WLS
3.	Kalakad WLS
4.	Mundanthurai WLS
5.	Nilgiri Tarh WLS
6.	Point Calimere WLS

In pursuance of the said report State Government has issued notification of intend to declare following areas as national parks—

- (i) Indira Gandhi (Annamalai) National Park.
- (ii) Mudumalai National Park.
- (iii) Mukurthi (Nilgiri) National Park.
- (e) Does not arise.

National Seeds Policy

*97. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release National Seeds Policy, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has recently formulated the National Seeds Policy, 2002.

(b) The main features of the National Seeds Policy, 2002 include, *inter alia*, development of new and improved varieties of plants, timely availability of quality seeds, compulsory registration of seeds, creation of infrastructure facilities, quality assurance, promotion of seed industry,